



# Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting

Friday October 03, 2025 – 7:00am

651 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Room 101C

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## Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Agenda Approval
4. Approval of Minutes
5. Citizen Input
6. Board Member Committee Reports: Art Commission
7. Presentation - Urban Forest Strategic Plan (UFSP) – Shilo Hatcher and Sandra Albro with Davey Resource Group
8. Staff Reports
9. Old Business
10. New Business
11. Scheduling of Meetings – Tentatively Friday, November 7th, 2025
12. Adjournment

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**GREELEY PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES – September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**1. ROLL CALL**

The Greeley Parks and Recreation Advisory Board met Friday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 7:00am at the Greeley Recreation Center. Board members joining Greg McIntosh, Beth Kleiber, Eric Parrish, Kirsten Daniel, Sharon Wright, Ben Christiansen, and Savanna Bennett. City Council Liaison Deb DeBoutez. Staff joining: Benjamin Alexander (Business Manager), Eric Bloomer (Parks Division Manager), Susan Murray (Planning Division Manager), Jill Krantz (Deputy Director of Culture, Parks, and Recreation), Justin Scharton (Natural Areas & Trails Division Manager), Daniel Lawrence (Recreation Division Manager), Jema Moody (Administrative Assistant III), and Greta Steinmetz (Office Manager).

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – Sharon Wright made a motion to approve the agenda, which was seconded by Kirsten Daniel and passed unanimously.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Ben Christiansen made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting, which was seconded by Eric Parrish and passed unanimously.

**4. CITIZEN INPUT** – Beth Kleiber asked about painting the lines on the parks for soccer. Eric Bloomer said that it is too costly to paint the practice fields, but they do paint for the games.

**5. BOARD MEMBER COMMITTEE REPORTS** – Art Commission – Sharon Wright: Shared the grand opening of Delta Park will be on September 10<sup>th</sup>, the artwork was by Amando Silva. Meeker House on September 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm for Hispanic Celebration, will be doing a projection art trial. Swanson Kiwanis Park, 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue, between 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> street, plan to remodel the park with \$30,000 for art. Dan Augustine is currently displayed in the Tointon Gallery.

**6. Parks Projects in Process** – Susan Murray presentation about Twin Rivers playground replacement to be inclusive play, to open between spring of 2026 – Mid-summer 2026. Showed structures under consideration, VHA designs for architecture. Community engagement if needed.

**7. STAFF REPORTS**

Justin Scharton – NAT

- Keeping the weeds down
- Preparing for snow season
- Narrows – Design phase for repair and replace with no impact to floodway and no rise project. The 12-foot-wide trail to have a sustainable route with 2026 construction
- Grant work – Regional Partnership with Northeast quadrant to further regional conservation efforts
- \$50 million that the state has put up for projects across the state.

Eric Bloomer – Parks

- Delta Park Grand Opening September 10<sup>th</sup>, 5-6:00pm, parking is limited
- Octoberfest in Lincoln Park September 27<sup>th</sup>
- September 30<sup>th</sup> Park Restrooms close
- Columbine Award for Delta Park

Daniel Lawrence – Recreation

- 1300 Youths participated in soccer and flag football
- Parent Volunteers needed
- Back to school Rodarte
- Funplex closure – LED lights replaced and roof upgrades
  - All 3 pools drained and fixed tiles and steam room door
  - New valves in water lines to shut down pumps
  - Big Fan installed on the ceiling
  - Locker room ceiling replaced
- Rodarte Center has gone to all LED lights and new ceiling tiles
- Anna Gimmestead has a new ADA deck and ramp
- Outdoor Pools are closing

Jill Krantz

- Executive Summary for Culture, Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Plan

**8. OLD BUSINESS**

Updated Bylaws with minor tweaks.

Sharon Wright made a motion to approve updated Bylaws, which was seconded by Kirsten Daniels and passed unanimously.

**9. NEW BUSINESS**

Compliments - Glenmere Association Meeting – Parks looks great. Boomerang deck looks great. Mike Lee 9-hole course looks busy. Highland Hills - when will there be a new kitchen. Gazebo in Glenmere does not have handrails. Missile Silo Park – love the trails.

**10. UPCOMING AGENDAS – None**

**11. NEXT MEETING** – The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Friday, October 3rd.

**12. ADJOURNMENT** – Beth Kleiber moved to adjourn the meeting 7:39 am, which was seconded by Ben Christiansen, and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted:

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Greg McIntosh, Chair

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Diana Frick, Director of Culture, Parks and Recreation

# PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

## STAFF REPORTS – October 3, 2025

### Justin Scharton – Natural Areas & Trails

#### Aug 2025 Counts

	Month Total	Daily Avg (Month) Trend (prior month)	YTD Daily Avg Trend (prior year)
Sheep Draw @ McCloskey TH (installed May 2018; NEW counter with bike detection installed Aug 2023)	6569	212 ↑10.5%	168 ↑27.3%
Triple Creek Spur @ Mountain Vista TH (re-installed Aug 18, 2020)	4220	136 ↑6.5%	110 ↓1.3%
Poudre Trail @ Island Grove (installed Aug 2020)	5665	183 ↑17.0	149 ↓2.1%
Poudre Trail @ Rover Run (new counter w/bike detection installed 3/6/24)	7368	238 ↓4.0%	216 ↑65.3%
Poudre Trail @ PLC (installed Aug 2020)	7595	245 ↑7.9%	149 ↓4.0%
Poudre Trail @ Poudre East (Kodak TH)	10108	326 ↑6.9%	250 ↑6.3%
Missile Site TH (installed 3/22/24)	628	20 ↓71.5%	63 ↑48.5%
Missile Site Car/Bus (installed 3/19/24)	2225	40 ↓9.3%	38 ↓16.3%

#### GENERATION WILD AWARD

On September 18, the board for Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) voted to approve \$24.4 million in investment in 15 Generation Wild coalitions across the state. Greeley is one of four new communities joining Generation Wild this year. Led by the City of Greeley, the Generation Wild Greeley coalition will receive **\$1.75 million** over the next five years to offer no/low-cost outdoor programs for youth and families living in east Greeley. These funds will be distributed across 15 organizations, including Lutheran Family Services Rocky Mountains, Poudre Learning Center, City of Greeley Recreation, Boys & Girls Club of Weld County, Blazing Cloud Consulting, Cal-Wood Education Center, Colorado Youth Outdoors, Community Impact Collaborative, Greeley Dream Team, Northern Colorado Health Alliance, Soccer Without Borders, University of Northern Colorado’s Active Schools Institute, Voices of the Land, and



*Project partners celebrate the announcement of the \$1.75M Generation Wild grant award for Generation Wild Greeley.*

Weld County Department of Public Health and Environment. The City of Greeley Natural Areas & Trails division will provide backbone support for the coalition.

A four-month planning process in 2025 resulted in these program providers joining the coalition and verbally committing to offering culturally relevant outdoor programs for residents of east Greeley. Program development was informed by community input gathered via surveys and focus groups during the planning process. Community engagement will continue with a meeting scheduled for Nov. 13 and the development of a resident advisory group and a youth advisory group. These advisory groups will provide on-going input on program development and will assist with recruiting their friends and neighbors to participate in Generation Wild programs and events.

Other organizations that have committed to support the coalition but are not receiving funding, including Aims Community College, Bella Romero Academy, District 6 School Farm Program, District 6 Wellness Program, High Plains Library District, and Trust for Public Land.

## COMMUNICATIONS AND OUTREACH



*A family stops for a few minutes on their trail ride to engage with the activities at one of NAT's recent trail pop-up events.*

With the hiring of an outreach intern, NAT recently launched a series of pop-up events called “Know Your Natural Areas” across the community. The pop-up events occur every other week from Sept. 13 to Nov. 8 in different natural areas across the city. Partner organizations will share the tent with NAT to share family-friendly activities that teach the community about various rules or trail etiquette, such as putting trash in trash cans, keeping dogs on leash, using bike lights, and staying on the trail. The first pop-up event, on Sept. 13 at Homestead Park/Gateway Lakes, was attended by 30 people.

In addition, NAT hosted an Employee Bike Ride on Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>, in partnership with Employee Well Being, Public Works, and the Recreation division. Employees met at the Family Fun Plex after work to learn about bicycle safety, the Spin

micromobility program, and the city’s trail system. Participants were then led on a bike ride on the Sheep Draw Trail.

Finally, NAT has partnered with the Child Watch program at the Family FunPlex to offer nature-based activities for children while their parents are using the facility. Programs take place on three Mondays per month and last one hour. Parents have the option to opt in when they drop their child off in Child Watch.

## Social Media Stats | August 2025

Total number of posts	2
Total reach	16,488
Total comments/shares	120

## KUDOS

Katy Elliott, NAT Fire Mitigation Tech I, successfully completed her pack test for the Wildland Firefighter II certification in September. In addition, Katy, along with Chris Scully, and Kaitlyn Ikenouye, also recently completed their national skills exam for the Emergency Medical Responder certification. These certifications allow NAT field staff to be more prepared for emergencies and to support prescribed fire in the NAT system.

## Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Report

### Cost of Vandalism in Parks – Year-to-Date 2025

This report provides the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board with a summary of vandalism-related costs incurred in the City of Greeley park system year-to-date for 2025. The information reflects documented damages, repair expenses, and cleanup efforts tracked by staff.

To date, the total cost of vandalism across the Parks system is \$35,597.62. This figure represents both material replacement and labor costs associated with restoring park assets to safe and usable condition.

### Vandalism Costs by Park/Facility and Type

Park/Building	Type of Vandalism	Total Cost (\$)
Tree/Plant Damage	Various Park Sites	9,767.00
Bittersweet	Damaged giggle-Jiggler	5,200.00
Anna Gimmestad Park	Fire/graffitti	5,100.00
Broadview Park	Fire/ damaged slide tube	1,161.19
Anna Gimmestad Park	Koda plexi panel	993.71
Broadview Park	Damaged slide tube	875.00
Ramseier Park	Graffiti (2x per week for last month Aug-Sept)	800.00
Westmoor Park	Damaged Rocket panel/Plexi	608.19
Lincoln Park gazebo	Graffiti	512.83
Centennial Skate Park	Vandalism to irrigation system	480.00
Forbes Field	Vandalism (Cut Fence on 8th St.)	460.00
Luther Park	Graffiti	408.25
Sanborn Park	Fishing dock rail bent	400.00
Centennial Park RR	Graffiti in Restroom	380.00
Ramseier Park	Graffiti	378.00
Sanborn Park	Graffiti	342.70
Lincoln Park Loo	Graffiti & Door Damage	1296.95
Twin Rivers Lower RR	Vandalism in RR	285.00

Youth Sports Complex	Vandalism in RR	240.00
Sherwood Park	Vandalism in RR	186.00
Longview Park	Graffiti	141.70
Sherwood Park RR	Graffiti in Restroom	140.00
Monfort Park RR	Graffiti in Restroom	140.00
Kiwanis Park	Graffiti	105.35
Ramseier Park	Graffiti	98.00
UCCC Landscape	Graffiti	97.75
Various Sites	Irrigation Damages	*5,000.00 (Estimated)

## Summary

The rising cost of vandalism presents ongoing challenges to the Parks Division, diverting resources from planned maintenance and improvements. Staff will continue to monitor incidents, track costs, and explore preventive measures to reduce these impacts in the future. Area of note. The damage to irrigation heads destroyed at various park sites has not been a part of our tracking process but will be in future years. This reported figure is an estimate based on staff reports.



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## Downtown Greeley Oktobrewfest 2025

Presented By: Greeley Downtown Development Authority

Dates: September 26, 2025

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- Delta Park Grand Opening was well attended with nearly 400 people present. The Park turned out amazing and the use has been tremendous since opening.
- Bids have been received for the construction of Redtail Park, and a general contractor should be awarded in the next few weeks.
- Lincoln Park will be host to the annual Oktobrewfest on September 26 & 27.
- All Park restroom facilities except sports complexes will be closed October 1<sup>st</sup> for the season.

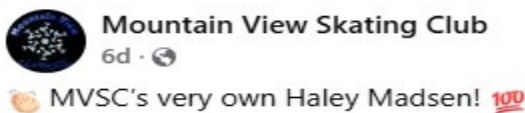
## Recreation –

- Ice Haus/MVSC figure skating team winning the season state competition



- Article in Tribune about Haley Madsen success in figure skating.

<https://www.greeleytribune.com/2025/09/17/greeley-figure-skater-haley-madsen/>



- **Successful closure of outdoor pools.**
- **Pool winterization process week of 9/29**
- **Pool pumps (7) delivered and stored onsite for replacement upon failure to limit pool closure time**



- **LED High Bay light upgrade GRC Main Gym week of 10/13**
- **Rodarte Community Center Garden/Micro Forest project. Final plans are underway, and the planting kick-off ceremony will be on October 18th.**

